



Charlene grew up on Bellevue wine farm where she attended the Pebbles Project After School Club. The Pebbles Project School Enrichment Programme (SEP) Educational Outings and Activities Initiative exposes learners to educational experiences outside of the classroom to enhance their social and emotional development. One of Charlene’s favourite recreational activities was to perform on stage: “We put together a musical production. I loved performing on stage alongside the other learners. I also really enjoyed our visit to the aquarium and going up Table Mountain.”

At age 16, Charlene knew that she wanted to go into the field of accounting. A Social Worker at Pebbles supported Charlene in obtaining a bursary to study Financial Management at Boland College. Throughout her studies, the Pebbles Social Workers provided assistance and guidance to Charlene, encouraging her to persevere and to complete her qualification.

In 2017, Charlene graduated: “My parents are extremely proud of my achievement, I hope to inspire others to pursue their dreams.” A Social Worker at Pebbles assisted Charlene in obtaining a financial management internship at Bellevue wine farm’s administration office. Charlene is excited to complete her internship in 2022 and looks forward to work full-time at Bellevue as a financial assistant: “I love the people I work with and I really enjoy what I do.”

“Pebbles means a lot to me... If I think back to when I was still in school, the computer literacy classes for example, all of that contributed to what I know today and the person

that I am today. I will encourage others, if they get the opportunity, to become involved at Pebbles, because Pebbles has truly changed my life for the better.”